

Subject-Verb Agreement A

EXERCISE A In each of the sentences below, underline the form of the verb in parentheses that agrees with its subject.

Examples 1. Carmina and Gerald (read, reads) a book called *Some of the Kinder Planets*.

2. The stories in this book (was, were) written by Tim Wynne-Jones.

1. A boy in one of the stories (*fear*, *fears*) he has been abducted by aliens.
2. The “aliens” (*is*, *are*) actually a family living in a high-tech geodesic dome.
3. What (*does*, *do*) the planet Mars and the pomegranate fruit have in common?
4. If you (*read*, *reads*) “The Night of the Pomegranate,” you will find out.
5. Everyone (*has*, *have*) been ill at one time or another.
6. In “Tashkent,” a boy nearly (*die*, *dies*) from a mysterious illness.
7. Then, in a very unusual way, he (*begin*, *begins*) to plan a trip to an exotic city.
8. Either you or your friends (*has*, *have*) probably written an essay about a vacation.
9. An imaginative boy and his friend (*creates*, *create*) an alternative to this assignment.
10. The story that tells about their activities (*is*, *are*) “Tweedledum and Tweedledead.”

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, write C above the underlined verb if it agrees with its subject. If the underlined verb does not agree with its subject, write the correct form of the verb above it.

Example 1. ^{Do} Does you or a friend want to live forever at the same age you are now?

11. Winnie Foster, in *Tuck Everlasting*, face this exact choice.
12. Winnie, while playing in the woods, find a beautiful, clear stream of water.
13. Before she can take a drink, however, she is kidnapped by a very nice family.
14. When the Tuck family kidnap Winnie, she doesn’t expect magic.
15. The spring of water, these people tell her, are magical.
16. A tiny sip from this spring hidden among the trees give everlasting life.
17. Every one of the Tucks are immortal because they drank from the spring.
18. Over the years they have formed a definite opinion about their situation.
19. Winnie, faced with the opportunity of drinking from the spring, make a surprising decision.
20. Meanwhile, a mysterious stranger suspect Winnie’s secret.